



# Geometry III

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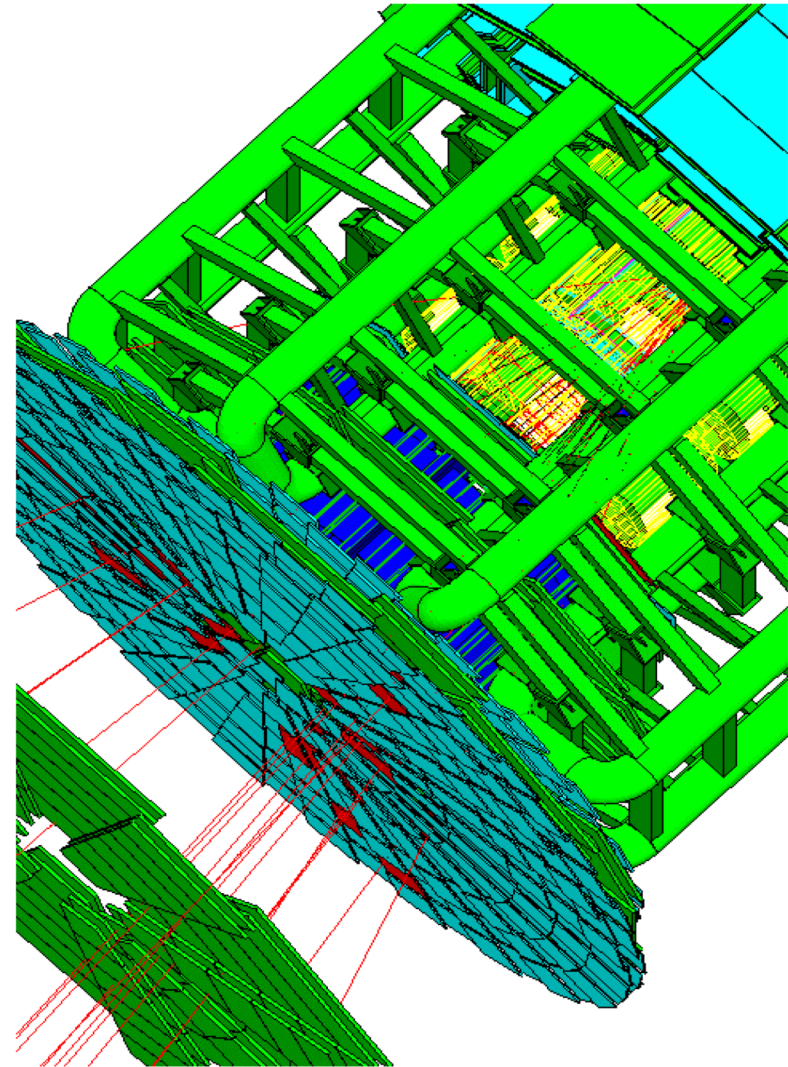
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Defining a magnetic field

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# Magnetic field (1)

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- Create your Magnetic field class
  - Uniform field :
    - Use an object of the G4UniformMagField class

```
G4MagneticField* magField =
```

```
    new G4UniformMagField(G4ThreeVector(1.*Tesla,0.,0.));
```

- Non-uniform field :
  - Create your own concrete class derived from G4MagneticField and implement **GetFieldValue** method.

```
void MyField::GetFieldValue(
```

```
    const double Point[4], double *field) const
```

- Point[0..2] are **position in global coordinate system**, Point[3] is **time**
- field[0..2] are returning magnetic field

## Other types of field

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- The user can create their own type of field, inheriting from **G4VField**, and an associated **Equation of Motion** class (inheriting from **G4EqRhs**) to simulate other types of fields. Field can be time-dependent.
- For pure electric field, Geant4 has **G4ElectricField** and **G4UniformElectricField** classes. For combined electromagnetic field, Geant4 has **G4ElectroMagneticField** class.
- Equation of Motion class for electromagnetic field is **G4MagElectricField**.

**G4ElectricField**\* fEMfield

= new G4UniformElectricField( G4ThreeVector(0., 100000.\*kilovolt/cm, 0.) );

**G4EqMagElectricField**\* fEquation = new G4EqMagElectricField(fEMfield);

**G4MagIntegratorStepper**\* fStepper = new G4ClassicalRK4( fEquation, nvar );

G4FieldManager\* fFieldMgr

= G4TransportationManager::GetTransportationManager()-> GetFieldManager();

fFieldManager->**SetDetectorField**( fEMfield );

**G4MagInt\_Driver**\* fIntgrDriver

= new G4MagInt\_Driver(fMinStep, fStepper,  
fStepper->GetNumberOfVariables() );

**G4ChordFinder**\* fChordFinder = new G4ChordFinder(fIntgrDriver);



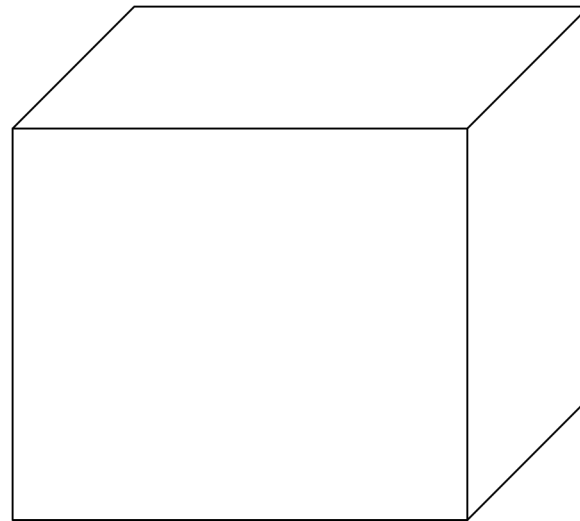
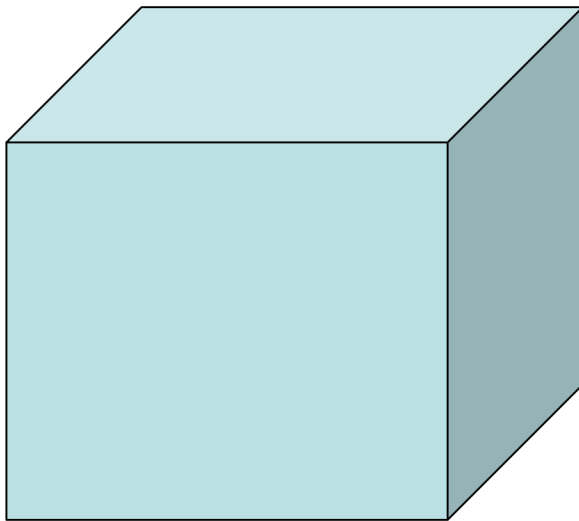
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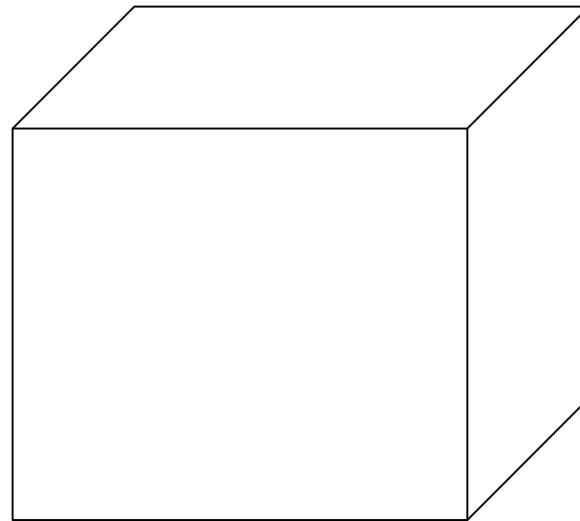
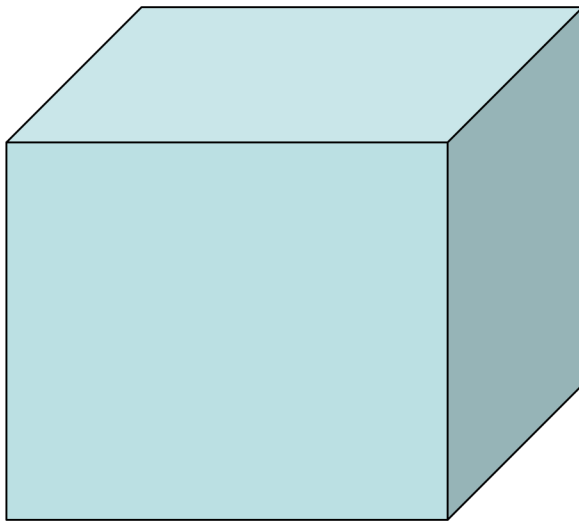




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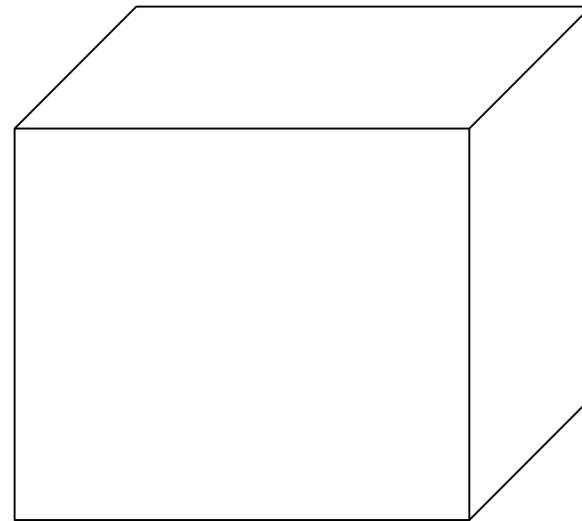
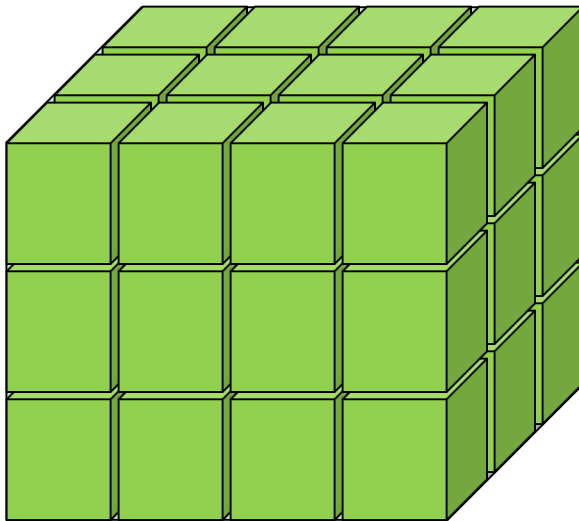
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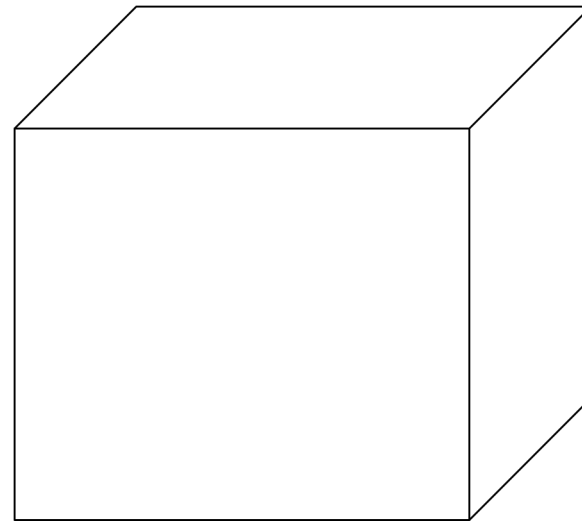
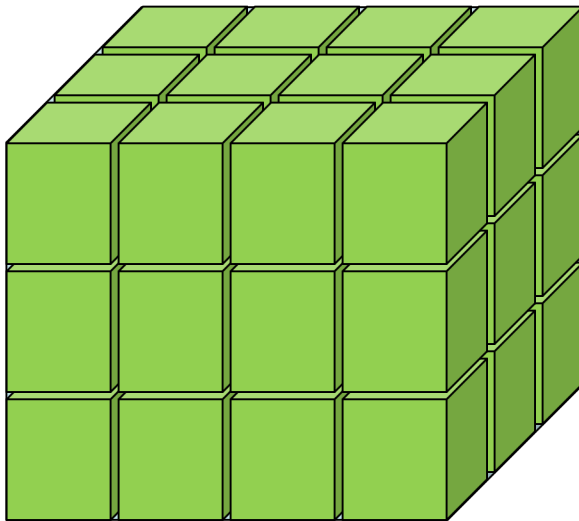
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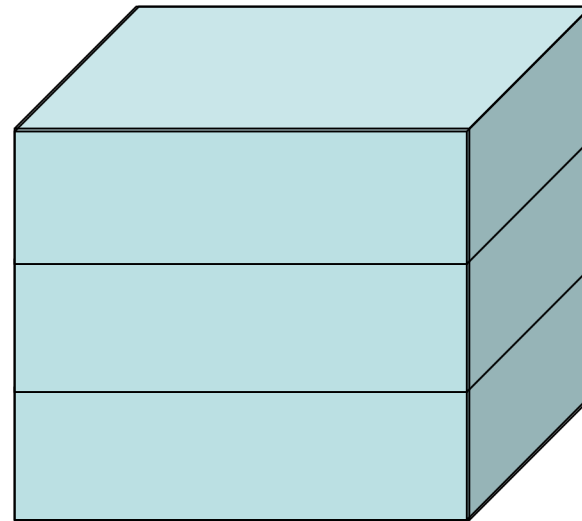
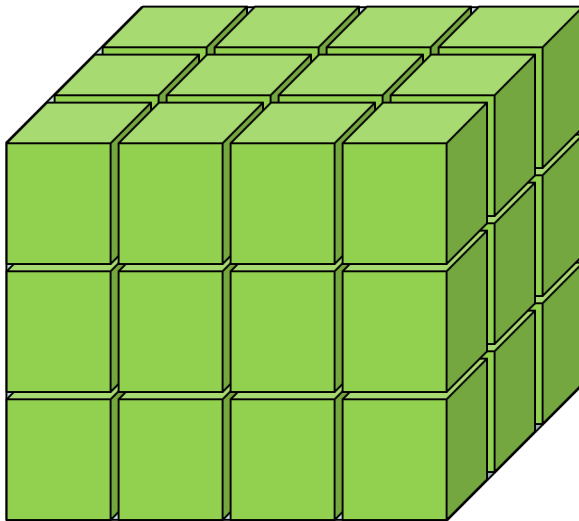
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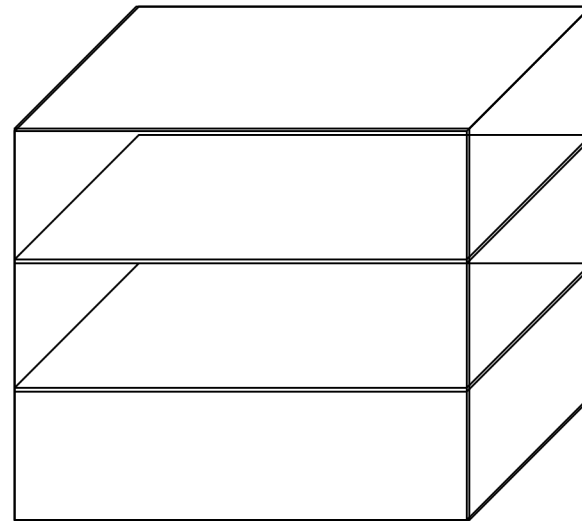
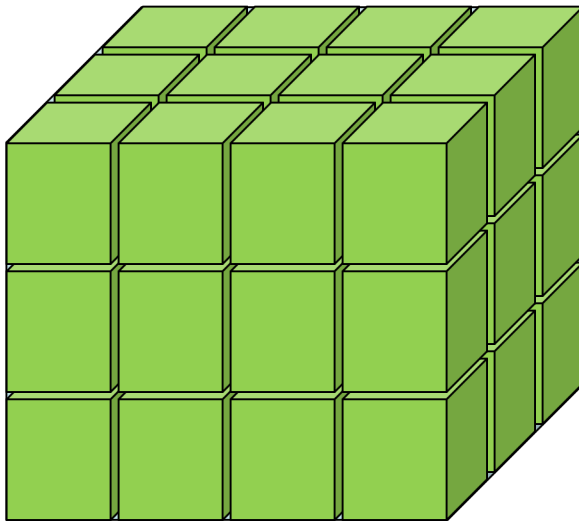
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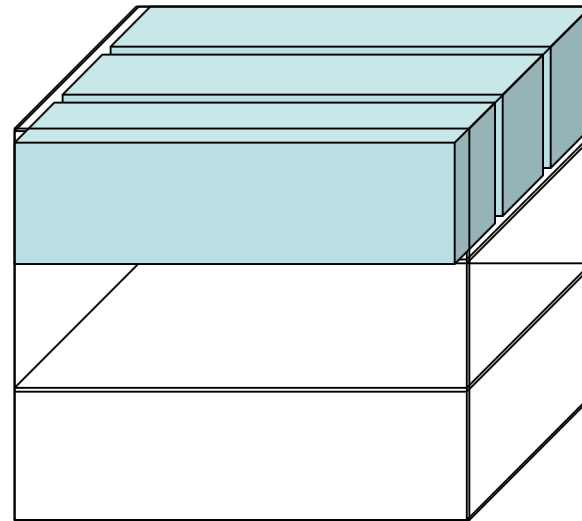
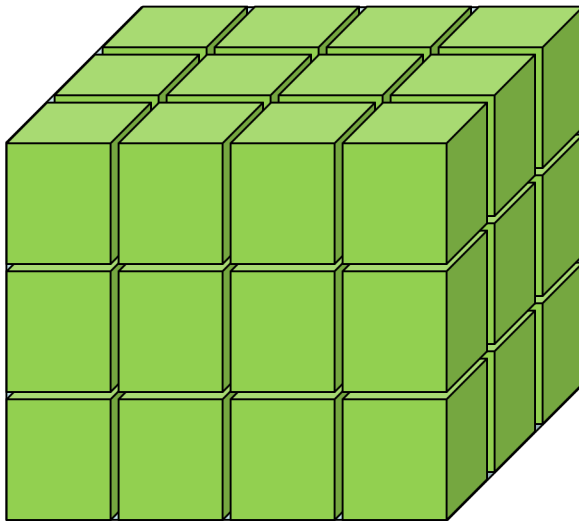
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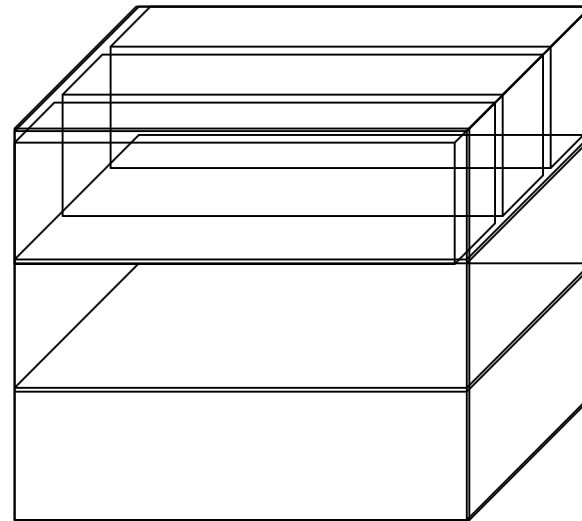
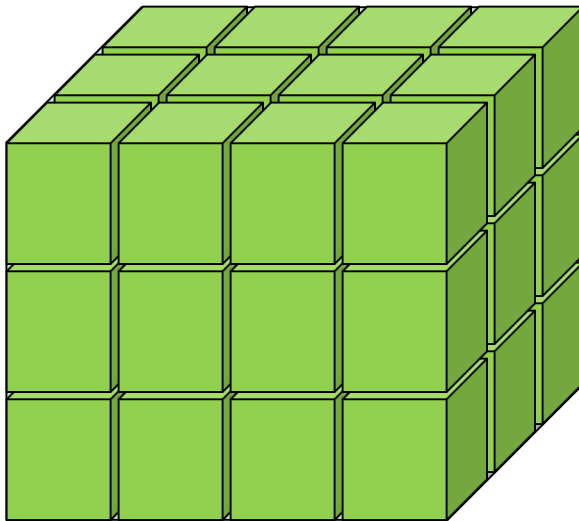
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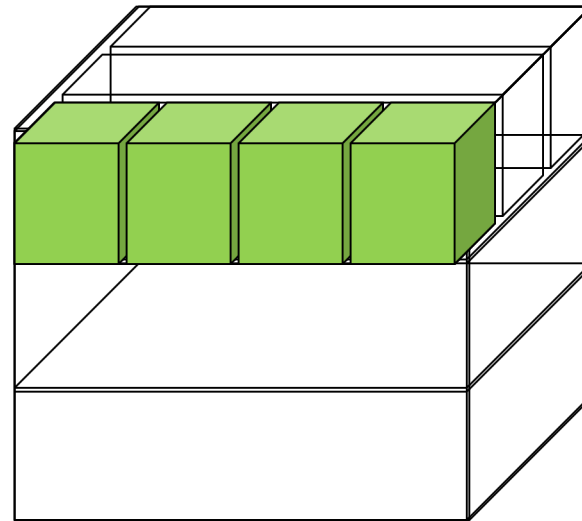
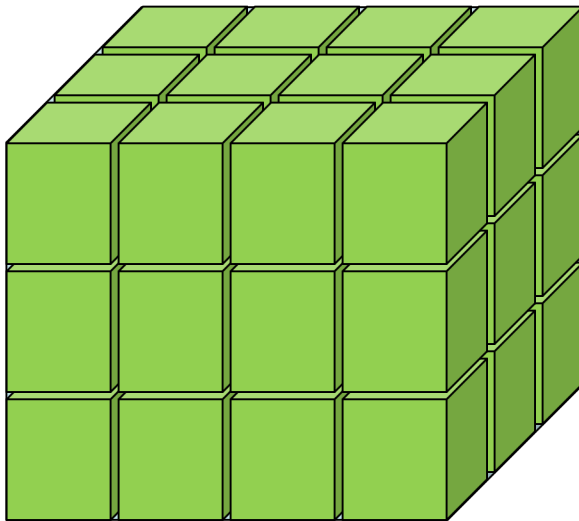
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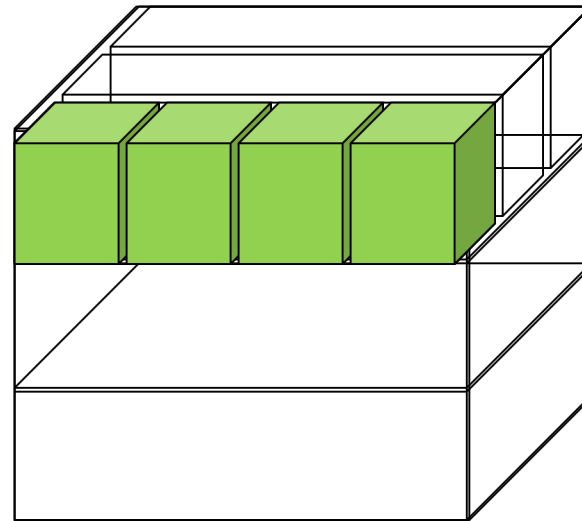
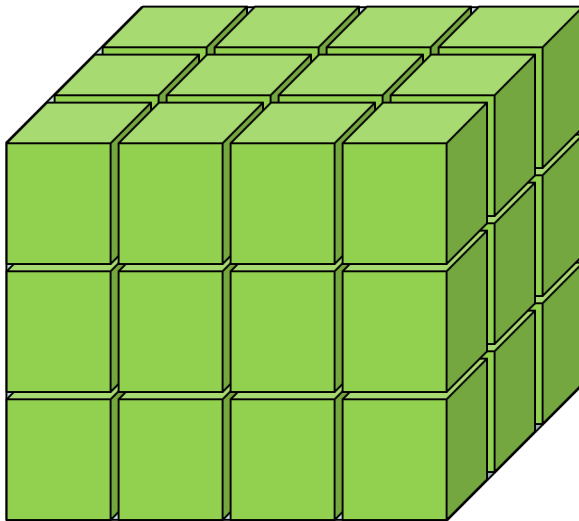
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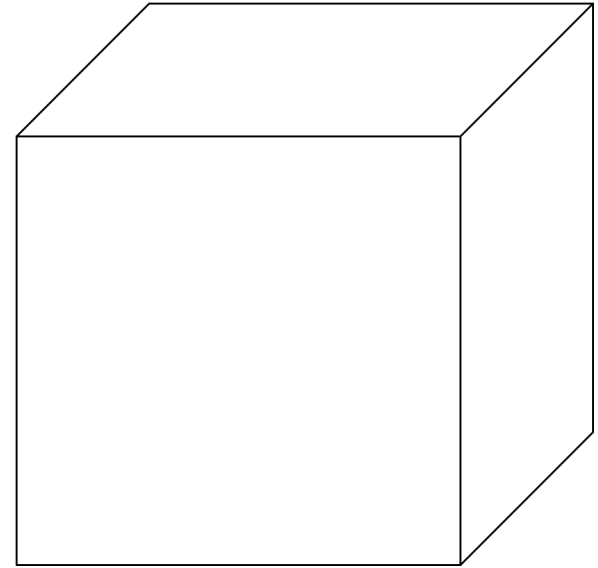


- ▶ It requires much less memory for geometry optimization and gives much faster navigation for ultra-large number of voxels.

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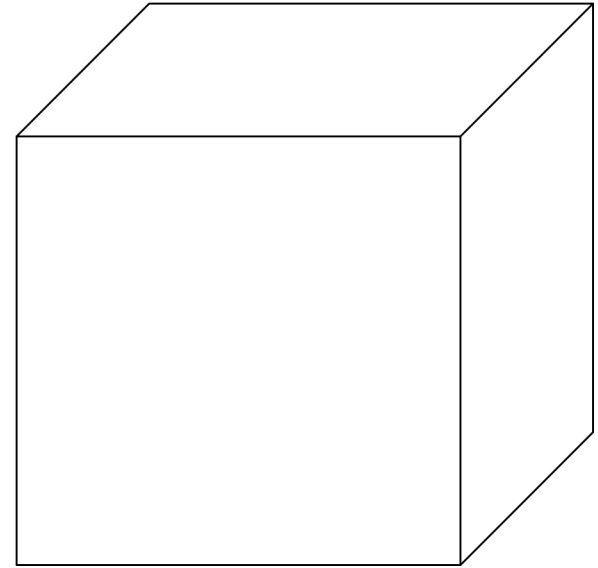




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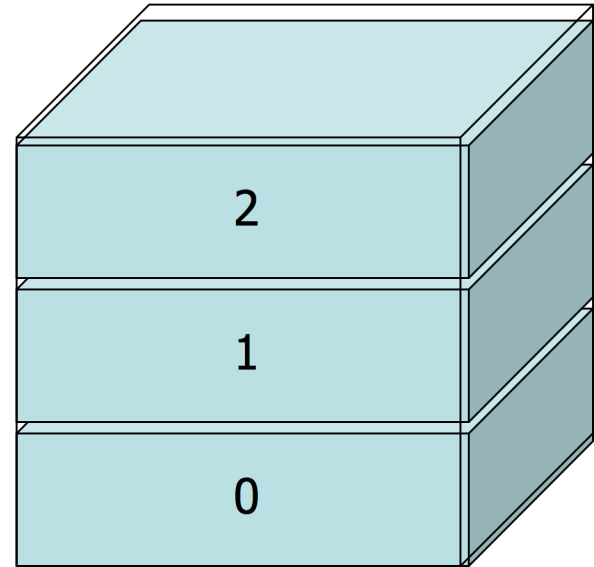
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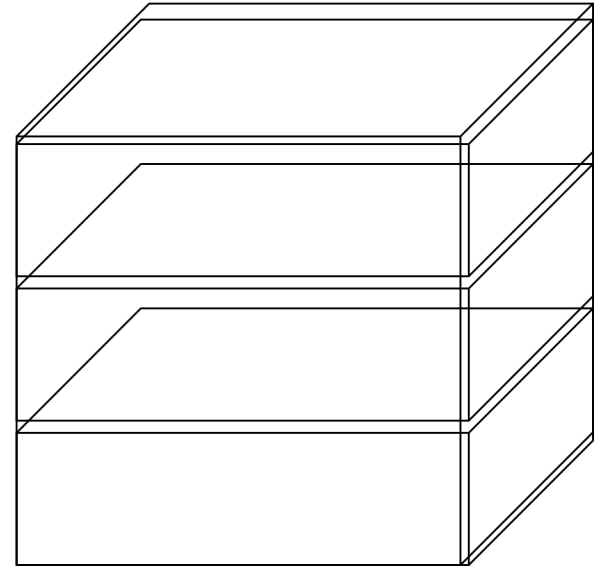
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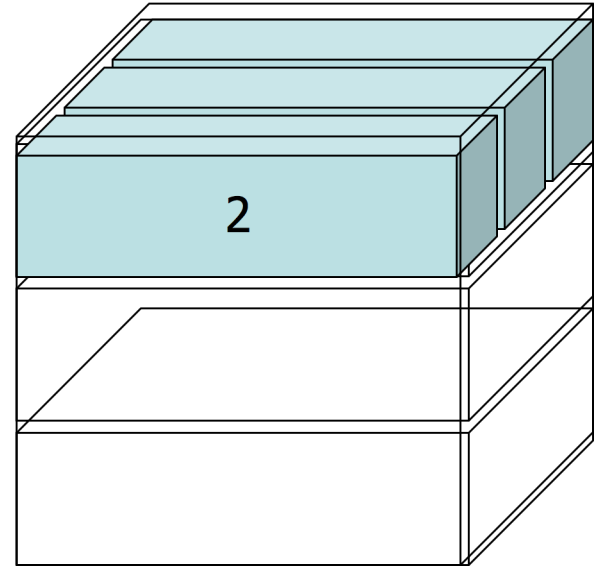
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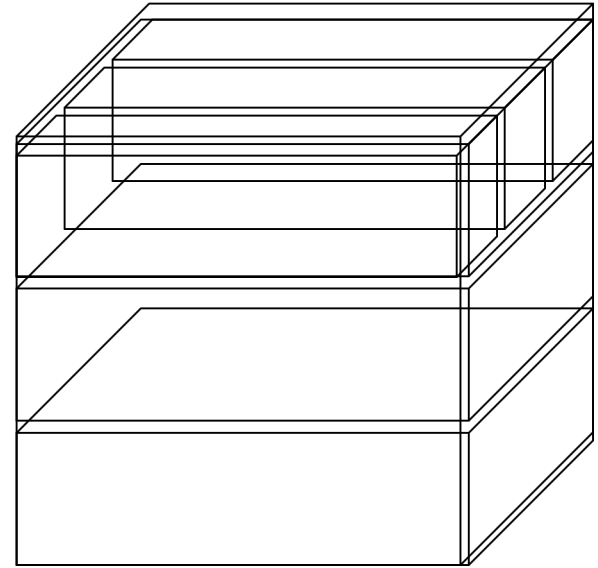
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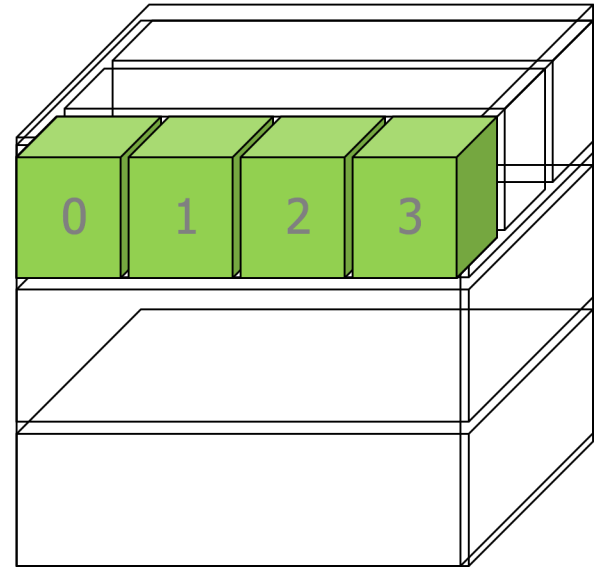
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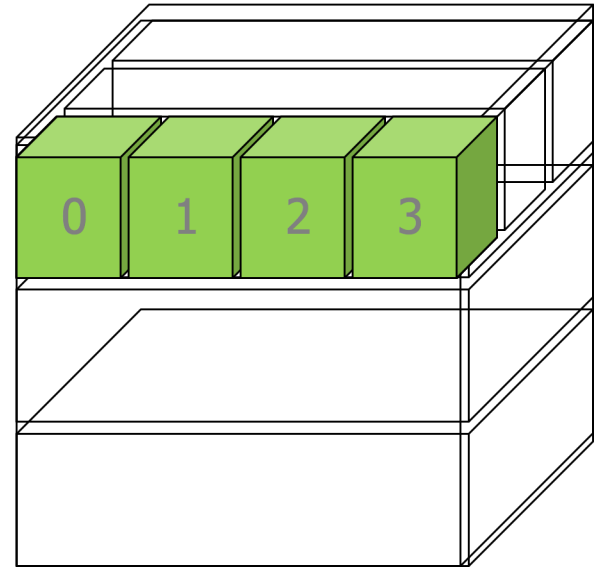
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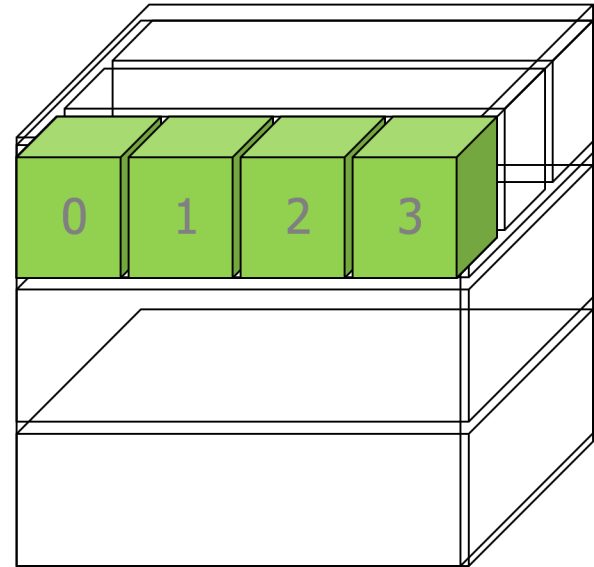
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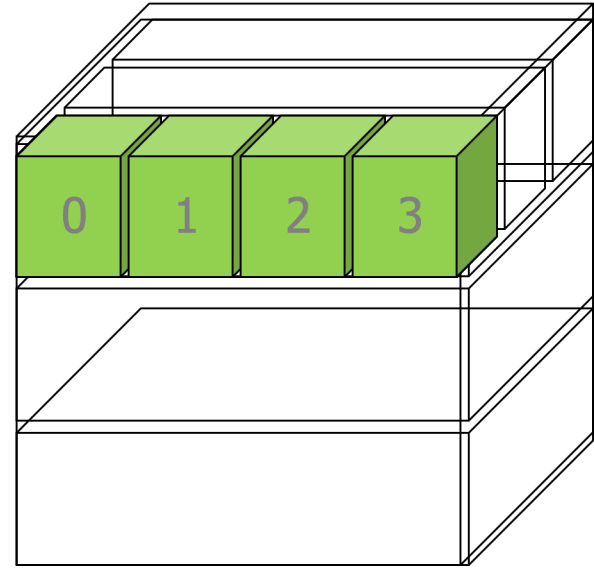
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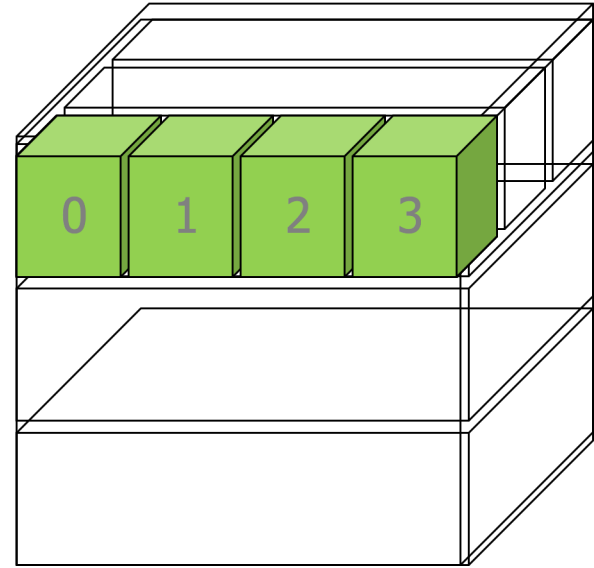
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  - ▶ ComputeMaterial() method of **G4VNestedParameterisation** has a touchable object of the **parent** physical volume, in addition to the copy number of the voxel.
    - ▶ Index of first axis = theTouchable->GetCopyNumber(1);
    - ▶ Index of second axis = theTouchable->GetCopyNumber(0);
    - ▶ Index of third axis = copy number



# G4VNestedParameterisation

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- G4VNestedParameterisation is derived from G4VPVParameterization.
- G4VNestedParameterisation class has three **pure virtual** methods you have to implement,
  - in addition to ComputeTransformation() method, which is mandatory for all G4VPVParameterization classes.

virtual G4Material\* **ComputeMaterial**(G4VPhysicalVolume \*currentVol,  
const G4int repNo, const G4VTouchable \*parentTouch=0)=0;

- Return a material pointer w.r.t. copy numbers of itself and ancestors.
- Must cope with parentTouch=0 for navigator's sake. Typically, return a default material if parentTouch=0.

virtual G4int **GetNumberOfMaterials**() const=0;

- Return total number of materials which may appear as the return value of ComputeMaterial() method.

virtual G4Material\* **GetMaterial**(G4int idx) const=0;

- Return idx-th material.
- “idx” is not a copy number. idx = [0, nMaterial-1]

# G4VNestedParameterisation

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- G4VNestedParameterisation is a kind of G4VPVParameterization.
  - It can be used as an argument of G4PVPParameterised.
  - All other arguments of G4PVPParameterised are unaffected.
- Nested parameterization of placement volume is **not** supported.
  - All levels used as indices of material must be **repeated volume**. There cannot be a level of placement volume in between.



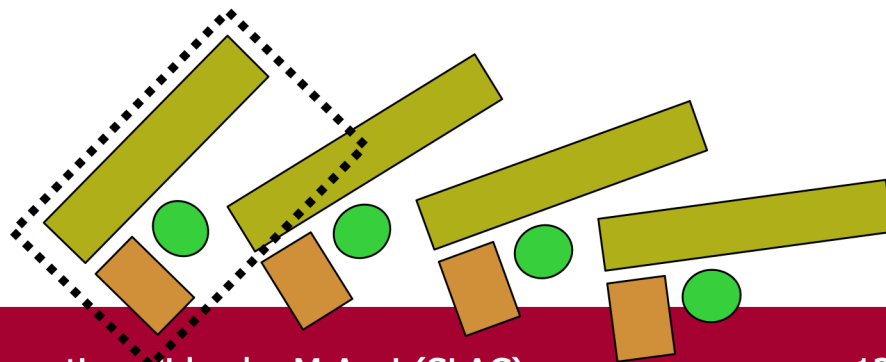
Assembly volume

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# Grouping volumes

- To represent a regular pattern of positioned volumes, composing a more or less complex structure
  - structures which are hard to describe with simple replicas or parameterised volumes
  - structures which may consist of different shapes
  - Too densely positioned to utilize a mother volume
- Assembly volume
  - acts as an *envelope* for its daughter volumes
  - its role is over once its logical volume has been placed
  - daughter physical volumes become independent copies in the final structure
- Participating daughter logical volumes are treated as triplets
  - logical volume
  - translation w.r.t. envelop
  - rotation w.r.t. envelop



# G4AssemblyVolume

## `G4AssemblyVolume::AddPlacedVolume`

```
( G4LogicalVolume* volume,  
  G4ThreeVector& translation,  
  G4RotationMatrix* rotation );
```

- Helper class to combine daughter logical volumes in arbitrary way
  - Imprints of the assembly volume are made inside a mother logical volume through `G4AssemblyVolume::MakeImprint(...)`
  - Each physical volume name is generated automatically
    - Format: **av\_**`WWW`**\_impr\_**`XXX`**\_**`YYY`**\_**`ZZZ`
      - **WWW** – assembly volume instance number
      - **XXX** – assembly volume imprint number
      - **YYY** – name of the placed logical volume in the assembly
      - **ZZZ** – index of the associated logical volume
    - Generated physical volumes (and related transformations) are automatically managed (creation and destruction)

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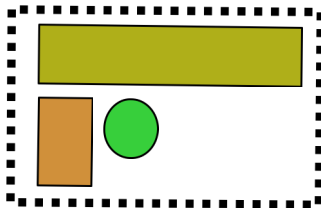




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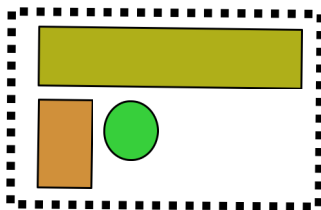


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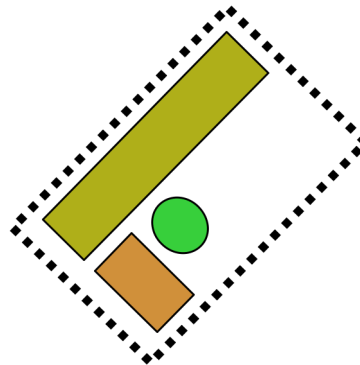


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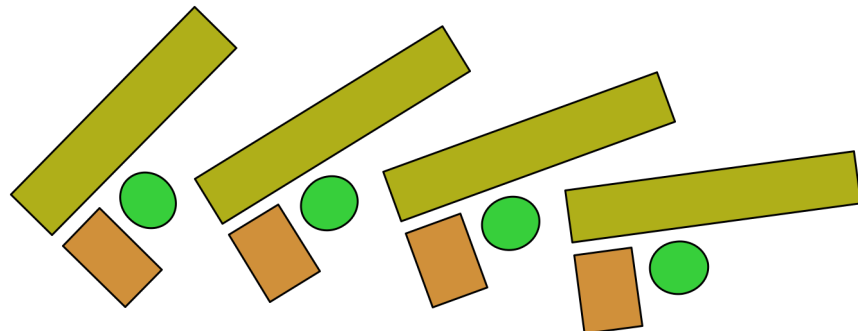
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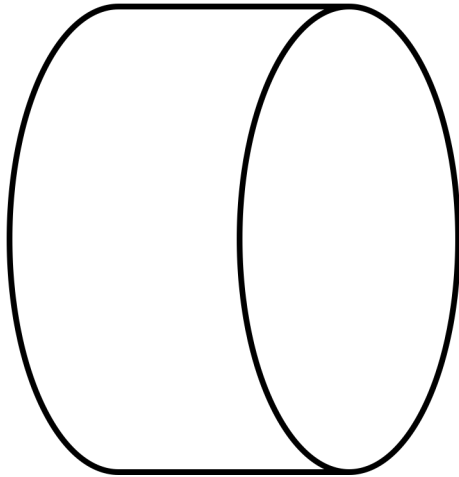
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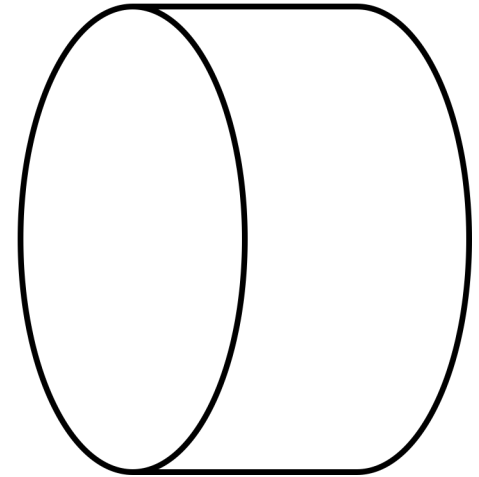
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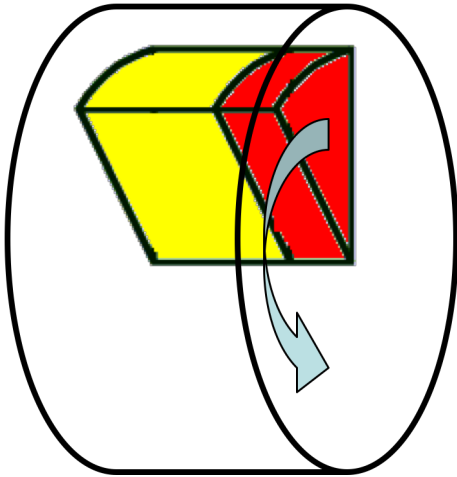
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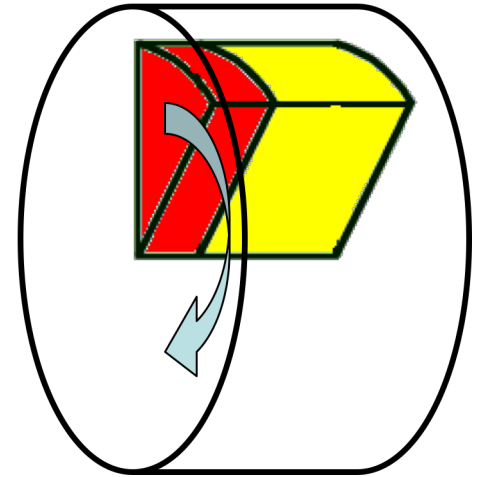
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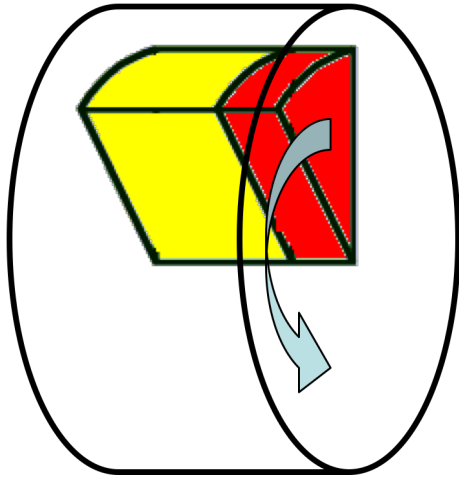


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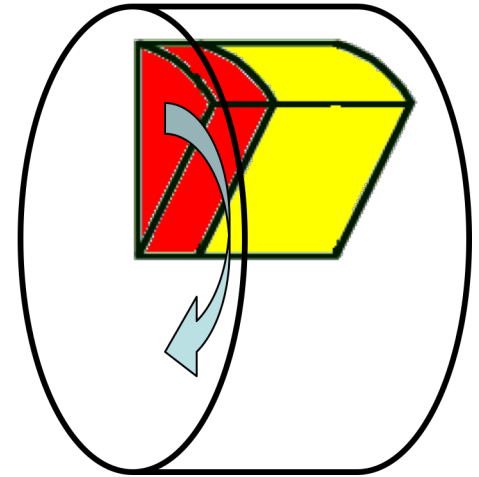




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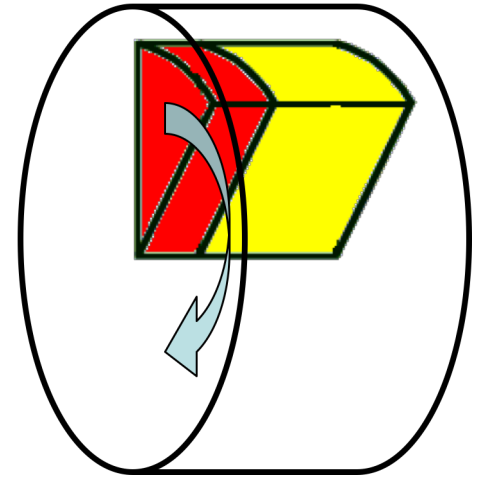
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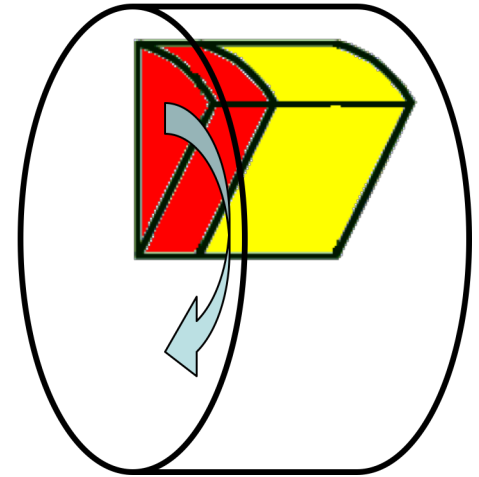
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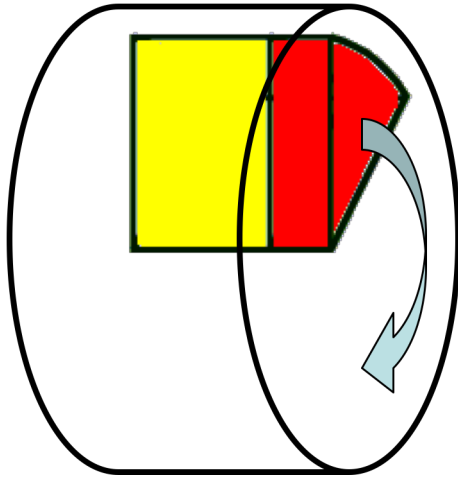
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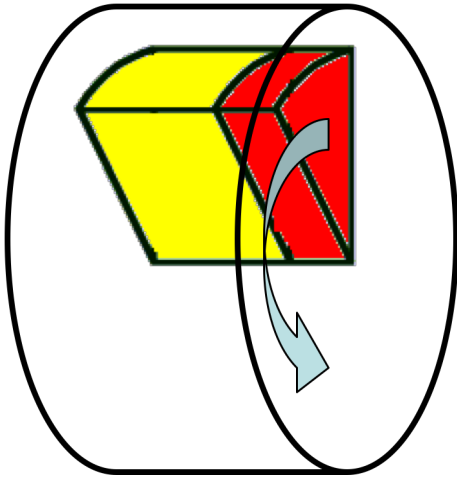
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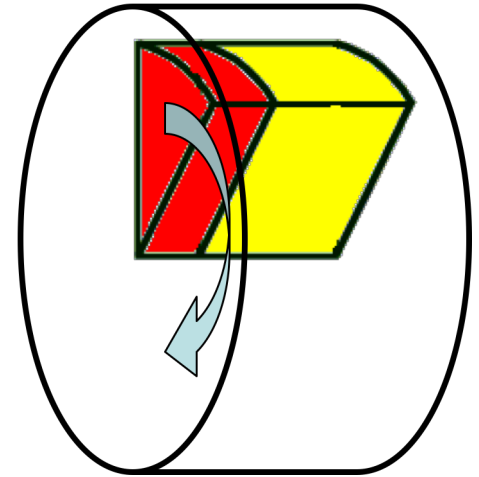


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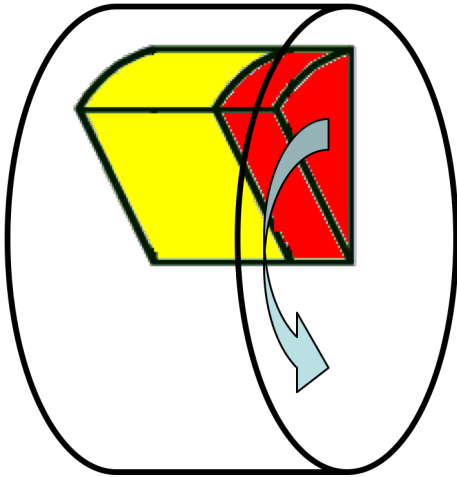
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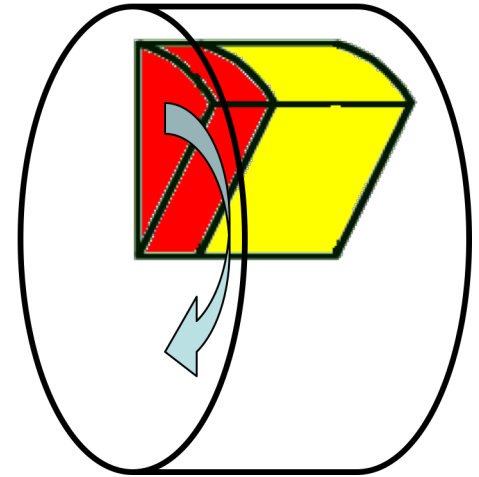
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- **G4ReflectedSolid** (derived from G4VSolid)
  - Utility class representing a solid shifted from its original reference frame to a new **mirror symmetric** one
  - The reflection (G4Reflect[X/Y/Z]3D) is applied as a decomposition into rotation and translation
- **G4ReflectionFactory**
  - Singleton object using G4ReflectedSolid for generating placements of reflected volumes
- Reflections are currently limited to simple CSG solids.
  - will be extended soon to all solids

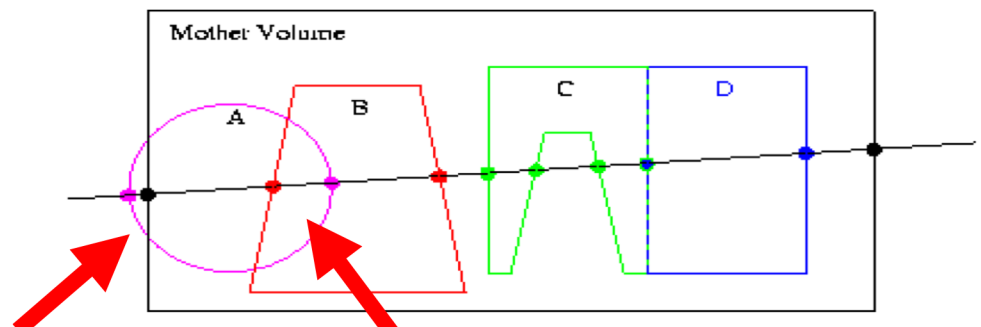


## Geometry checking tools

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# Debugging geometries

- An **protruding** volume is a contained daughter volume which actually **protrudes** from its mother volume.
- Volumes are also often positioned in a same volume with the intent of not provoking intersections between themselves. When volumes in a common mother actually **intersect themselves** are defined as **overlapping**.
- Geant4 **does not allow** for malformed geometries, **neither protruding nor overlapping**.
  - The behavior of navigation is unpredictable for such cases.
- The problem of detecting overlaps between volumes is bounded by the complexity of the solid models description.
- Utilities are provided for detecting wrong positioning
  - Optional checks at construction
  - Kernel run-time commands
  - Graphical tools (DAVID, OLAP)





# Optional checks at construction

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- Constructors of **G4PVPlacement** and **G4PVParameterised** have an optional argument “pSurfChk”.

```
G4PVPlacement(G4RotationMatrix* pRot,  
              const G4ThreeVector &tlate,  
              G4LogicalVolume *pDaughterLogical,  
              const G4String &pName,  
              G4LogicalVolume *pMotherLogical,  
              G4bool pMany, G4int pCopyNo,  
              G4bool pSurfChk=false);
```

- If this flag is true, overlap check is done at the construction.
  - Some number of points are randomly sampled on the surface of creating volume.
  - Each of these points are examined
    - If it is outside of the mother volume, or
    - If it is inside of already existing other volumes in the same mother volume.
- This check requires lots of CPU time, but it is worth to try at least once when you implement your geometry of some complexity.

# Debugging run-time commands

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- Built-in run-time commands to activate verification tests for the user geometry are defined
  - to start verification of geometry for overlapping regions based on a standard grid setup, limited to the first depth level  
`geometry/test/run` or `geometry/test/grid_test`
  - applies the grid test to all depth levels (may require lots of CPU time!)  
`geometry/test/recursive_test`
  - shoots lines according to a cylindrical pattern  
`geometry/test/cylinder_test`
  - to shoot a line along a specified direction and position  
`geometry/test/line_test`
  - to specify position for the `line_test`  
`geometry/test/position`
  - to specify direction for the `line_test`  
`geometry/test/direction`

# Debugging run-time commands

- Example layout:

GeomTest: no daughter volume extending outside mother detected.

GeomTest Error: Overlapping daughter volumes

The volumes Tracker[0] and Overlap[0],  
both daughters of volume World[0],  
appear to overlap at the following points in global coordinates: (list  
truncated)

length (cm)	-----	start position (cm)	-----	-----	end position (cm)	-----	
240		-240	-145.5	-145.5	0	-145.5	-145.5

Which in the mother coordinate system are:

length (cm)	-----	start position (cm)	-----	-----	end position (cm)	-----
. . .						

Which in the coordinate system of Tracker[0] are:

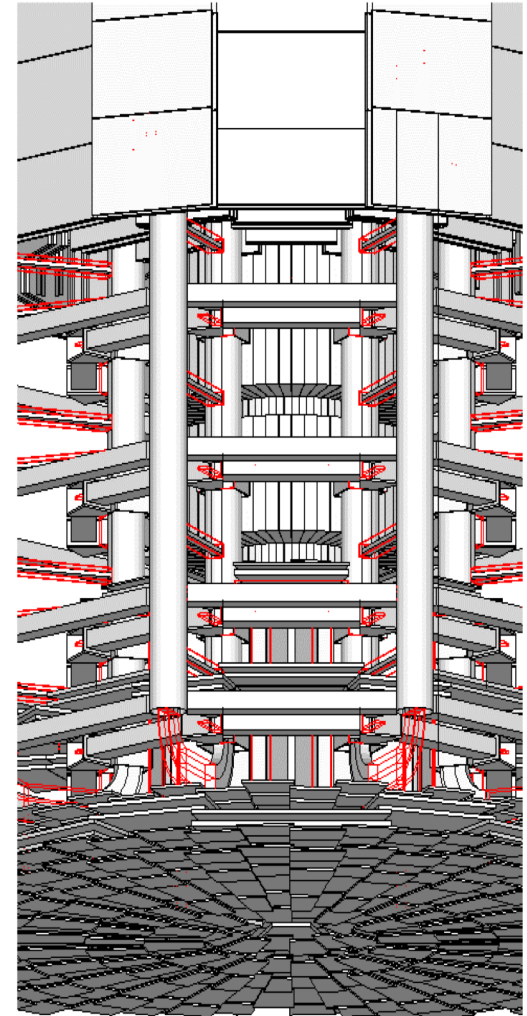
length (cm)	-----	start position (cm)	-----	-----	end position (cm)	-----
. . .						

Which in the coordinate system of Overlap[0] are:

length (cm)	-----	start position (cm)	-----	-----	end position (cm)	-----
. . .						

# Debugging tools: DAVID

- DAVID is a graphical debugging tool for detecting potential intersections of volumes
- Accuracy of the graphical representation can be tuned to the exact geometrical description.
  - physical-volume surfaces are automatically decomposed into 3D polygons
  - intersections of the generated polygons are parsed.
  - If a polygon intersects with another one, the physical volumes associated to these polygons are highlighted in color (**red** is the default).
- DAVID can be downloaded from the Web as external tool for Geant4
  - <http://geant4.kek.jp/~tanaka/>



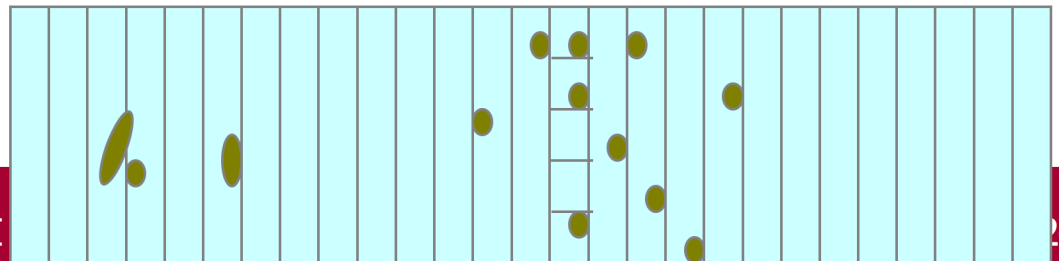


Geometry optimization  
("voxelization")

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# Smart voxelization

- In case of Geant 3.21, the user had to carefully implement his/her geometry to maximize the performance of geometrical navigation.
- While in Geant4, user's geometry is automatically optimized to most suitable to the navigation. - "Voxelization"
  - For each mother volume, one-dimensional virtual division is performed.
  - Subdivisions (slices) containing same volumes are gathered into one.
  - Additional division again using second and/or third Cartesian axes, if needed.
- "*Smart voxels*" are computed at initialisation time
  - When the detector geometry is *closed*
  - Does not require large memory or computing resources
  - At tracking time, searching is done in a hierarchy of virtual divisions



# Detector description tuning

- Some geometry topologies may require ‘special’ tuning for ideal and efficient optimisation
  - for example: a dense nucleus of volumes included in very large mother volume
- Granularity of voxelisation can be explicitly set
  - Methods `Set/GetSmartless()` from `G4LogicalVolume`
- Critical regions for optimisation can be detected
  - Helper class `G4SmartVoxelStat` for monitoring time spent in detector geometry optimisation
    - Automatically activated if `/run/verbose` greater than 1

Percent	Memory	Heads	Nodes	Pointers	Total CPU	Volume
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91.70	1k	1	50	50	0.00	Calorimeter
8.30	0k	1	3	4	0.00	Layer



# Visualising voxel structure

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- The computed voxel structure can be visualized with the final detector geometry
  - Helper class **G4DrawVoxels**
  - Visualize voxels given a logical volume

**G4DrawVoxels::DrawVoxels(const G4LogicalVolume\*)**

- Allows setting of visualization attributes for voxels

**G4DrawVoxels::SetVoxelsVisAttributes(...)**

- useful for debugging purposes